

ESSEX COUNTY FOLKS NOT WORRYING.

Clam Bill if Passed
Will Not Affect the
Present Leases.

State House, Boston, February 28.
—While the committee on fish and game has arranged to take up, as a subject for a public hearing, on March 12 the joint recommendation of the fish and game commission and the new state commission on economy and efficiency in regard to the cultivation of shell fish it is a matter that need have no great concern to the residents of the shore towns and cities of Essex county.

Senator C. Augustus Norwood of Hamilton has had a conference with the chairmen of both commissions and has called their attention to the bill put through last year by ex-Senator George A. Schofield of Ipswich, and which has been taken advantage of by most of the Essex county shore towns. This law allows these towns and cities, by action of town meetings or city governments, to practically lease all the shore frontage suitable for the cultivation of clams in bulk to the inhabitants of these cities and towns for the period of 10 years.

If therefore, this recommendation of the fish and game commission becomes law it cannot invalidate these 10 year leases and the people of Essex county shore towns will be exempt for that period at least. Senator Norwood is assured by both chairmen that there is no intention on their part to include any provision, either apparent or in "joker" form that would seek to annul or complicate these leases. It is a well recognized legal fact that a lease or contract once made cannot be annulled except by the agreement of both parties but acting for some of the interested fishermen who fear that something may be attempted that

would tend to complicate the present situation, the senator from the Third Essex district has taken pains to go over the matter very carefully with the board and to receive their assurance that nothing of the kind is to be attempted by them.

Of course, when the present 10 year lease period expires, the question of renewing it or putting the Essex clam flats under the same general law as would exist in other parts of the state, provided the present recommendation of the fish and game commission becomes a law, will have to be decided by the legislature at that time. It will then be a matter for the "clam-mers" of Essex county to appeal to the legislature for the best solution of the problem that then presents themselves.

The state commission is proceeding on the theory apparently that the wisdom of its recommendation at the present time will be demonstrated in 10 years and that the Essex people will be then only too willing to come in under the provision of the new general law.

Mar. 1.

Week's Receipts at T Wharf.

Receipts of fresh groundfish landed at T wharf, Boston, last week, totalled 2,489,625 pounds from 83 arrivals against 2,538,700 pounds from 77 arrivals for the same period in 1911.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel of the 1912 catch landed at Boston to date amount to 27,290 barrels against 30,797 barrels of the 1911 catch for the same period of last year.

Took Salt.

Sch. Senator Gardner took on salt from the steamer Guild Hall in the outer harbor yesterday, getting ready for her salt bank cod fishing trip.

LITTLE DOING HERE TODAY

Less Than a Dozen Gill Netters Comprise the Arrivals Since Last Report.

Less than a dozen gill netters were the only arrivals of fresh fish here yesterday, not an off shore arrival being reported since the previous day.

The best lifts were those of steamers Margaret D. with 4500 pounds and George E. Fisher, 2000 pounds, while the Gertrude T. had 2000 pounds. The fish were shipped by the early morning boat to T wharf market.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Mar. 1.

Dominion Ice Report.

As telegraphed by the superintendent signal service, Quebec, to the board of Trade, February 24th, 1913:
Father Point, Flame Point, Heath Point, Money Point—Heavy open ice.
Magdalen Islands—Heavy close Cape Ray—Snowing.
packed everywhere.
Cape Race—No ice in sight.

Mar. 3.

T WHARF HAS BUT THREE BOATS IN

But Good Shipments From Gloucester Gill Netters Help Out Situation.

The fresh fish business started off rather light at T wharf this morning, only three small fares being in when the gong sounded.

They are schs. Frances V. Sylvia, 27,000 pounds; Flavilla, 7100 pounds; Priscilla, 4000 pounds. Relief was brought to the situation, however, by the arrival of some 96 boxes of mixed fish from this port, which were shipped by the gill netters on the Sunday morning boat. Prices being good, the fishermen will consequently fare well.

Haddock sold at \$2.60 to \$5 a hundred pounds; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5. market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$5 to \$8; and pollock, \$5.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 23,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 700 halibut.

Sch. Flavilla, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod, 600 hake.

Sch. Priscilla, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.60 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$5 to \$8; pollock, \$5.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75, snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75. snappers, \$3.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 90c.

Bank halibut, 15c per lb. for white and 11c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

New Trawlers Arrive.

Two new trawlers of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, the George E. Foster and the Andrew Kelly, arrived at Victoria on January 13, after their 14 weeks' trip from Beverly, England, and have left for Prince Rupert, from which port they will operate. The trawlers were insured for £7,300 each.

Mar. 3.

HALIBUT STRIKE SETTLEMENT

The strike of halibut fishermen which has been on since November 14, was ended February 14 at a conference held in Tacoma and attended by representatives of the union and the vessel owners. The steamer fishermen struck for 11-2 cents per pound, an increase of 1-2 cent over the old rate, but a compromise was effected at 11-4.

Several attempts were made early in the year to man steamers with strike breakers, but these were largely a failure. At the time of the compromise the Chlopek Fish Co. had one steamer out with a strike breaking crew. These men will be replaced by union men as soon as the vessel reaches port. About a week prior to the settlement the Weiding & Independent Fisheries Co. agreed to meet the strikers half way and its vessels were sent to the banks on the 11-4 cent rate now prevailing.

It is understood that the New England Fish Co. will meet the new price and place its vessels, which have been laid up since December 2.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

The scarcity of fresh bait has been a serious handicap to the dory fishermen of late. There seemed to be plenty of large cod in the bay but fresh bait was needed to get them.

The following crew shares were reported by vessels arriving February 22 from T wharf: Sch. Jessie Costa, \$38 each; Eleanor DeCosta, \$28; Delphine Cabral, \$8.

The large new scow recently built at Pidgeon's yard was placed at her mooring just east of the Fisherman Cold Storage wharf the past week, which company will use it to drive poles for its traps. The company will operate two traps of its own this year instead of one as in the past. The new scow is fitted with a gasoline engine for pumping down poles and is also fitted with connecting couplings the size of the fire department's hose, to be used in case of fire on the waterfront.

Several Provincetown vessels of the flounder fleet arrived at New Bedford to resume fishing last week.

GOOD HAULS BY GILL NETTERS

No Off-Shore Arrivals at This Port for Several Days.

The gill netters did well Saturday and Sunday, the receipts for the two days being about 80,000 pounds of the very finest quality of shore fish.

The little steamers inshore had mostly cod, while the off shore fellows struck a run of pollock, with some cod and haddock. The fleet are waiting for the run of haddock which are expected to strike in shore now most any day.

Saturday's shipments went to Boston, while the landings of yesterday were held over for tomorrow morning's early boat.

No off shore arrivals of any description are reported during the past 48 hours.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.

Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Joanna, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.